

Finding Aid of 33GRF-25: Sand Dollar Motel Photographs, 1957-1985

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Descriptive Summary

Repository:	Outer Banks History Center
Creator:	Unknown
Title:	33GRF-25 Sand Dollar Motel Photographs, 1957-1985
Language of the Materials:	Materials in English
Location:	For current information on the location of these materials, please consult the Outer Banks History Center
Abstract:	<p>The Sand Dollar Motel, 1957 -1985, was a popular oceanfront vacation spot in Nags Head near milepost 13.5. The collection of buildings that made up the motel was originally known as Howell's Cottages built by Gordon Kellogg for W.D. "Willie" Howell in 1951. Jewel Graves bought it in 1957 and renamed the facility "The Sand Dollar Motel." She was the proprietress until the facility closed in 1984 and sold the next year. The Sand Dollar Motel was burned down as a fire training exercise in 1985 with permission of the new owner.</p> <p>This collection consists of 24 images of Jewel Graves, guests participating in activities, and buildings. Electronic scans of the collection are also available for viewing on the Outer Banks History Center public access computer.</p>
Extent:	24 each of photographic negatives, prints, and electronic scans.

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Preferred Citation

[Identification of item], 33GRF-25, Sand Dollar Motel Photograph Collection, Outer Banks History Center, Manteo, N.C., U.S.A.

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Acquisitions Information

Items were provided by the Town of Nags Head History Committee who had received them from a friend or relative of Jewel Graves, the owner and proprietress of the Sand Dollar Motel.

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Processing Information

Processed by Sarah Downing

Finding Aid by Tama Creef

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Historical Note

Jewel Graves (d. 1991), originally from Birmingham, Alabama, was a retired Virginia school teacher and former Red Cross employee. She moved to the Outer Banks and purchased what was to become the Sand Dollar Motel. She maintained a residence there until it was sold. The community benefitted from a bequest to the Outer Banks Community Foundation made upon her death.

The Sand Dollar Motel, 1957 to 1984, was originally Howell's Cottages and Apartments built in 1951 by Gordon Kellogg for W.D. "Willie" Howell. It changed hands in 1957 and was owned and run by Jewel Graves until 1985 when it was sold to Norkus Enterprises of Houston, Texas. The motel originally consisted of several free-standing cottages; however, this was expanded to include a pair of two-story sections on the beach which gave credence to their advertising slogan "The Sand Dollar Motel...directly on the ocean."

After it was sold in 1985, the facility was burned as a training exercise over a period of two weeks by area volunteer fire departments with permission from the new owner.

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Collection Overview

This collection consists of twenty-four (24) 4"x5" black and white negatives and prints made from the negatives. The images have also been scanned and can be viewed in the History Center's Reading Room.

Collection Arrangement

This collection is arranged numerically and catalogued to the item level.

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Online Catalog Headings

These and related materials may be found under the following headings in online catalogs.

Subject Terms

Motels

Tourism

Personal Names

Jewel Graves

Corporate Names

Sand Dollar Motel

Geographic Locations

Nags Head

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Related Collections

Additional information on topics found in this collection may be found in the Manuscript and Archives Reference System (MARS): <http://mars.archives.ncdcr.gov/BasicSearch.aspx>.

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Roger Meekins Collection

Container List

*** The Sand Dollar Motel Photograph Collection, 1957-1985, (1 folder) ***

* Folder 1:1.1

Finding Aid, Printed images